

ON 4-DIMENSIONAL, CONFORMALLY FLAT, ALMOST ε -KÄHLERIAN MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. The local structure of 4-dimensional, conformally flat, almost ε -Kählerian (i.e., almost pseudo-Kählerian and almost para-Kählerian) manifolds is characterized with the help of left-regular and right-regular paraquaternionic functions. Examples of such structures are discussed.

1. INTRODUCTION

Blair [1] has applied the quaternionic analysis to prove that almost Kählerian manifolds of dimension 4 cannot be of constant non-zero curvature. Recently, Królikowski [9, 10, 11] has developed the ideas of applications of quaternionic analysis during investigations of conformally flat almost Kählerian structures.

In the presented paper, applying the theory of regular paraquaternionic functions introduced by Pogoruy and Rodríguez-Dagnino [15], we propose paraquaternionic analogy of these ideas applied to conformally flat almost pseudo-Kählerian as well as almost para-Kählerian manifolds.

2. REGULAR PARAQUATERNIONIC FUNCTIONS

Let \mathbb{A} be the paraquaternion algebra over the real field \mathbb{R} (which is also called the split-quaternion or coquaternion algebra); cf. [4, 13, 15, 16], etc.

Elements of \mathbb{A} are of the form $\mathbf{x} = x^0 + \sum_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} i_{\alpha}$, where \sum_{α} denotes the sum with respect to $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$, and $x^0, x^{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}$, and $1, i_1, i_2, i_3$ is a basis of \mathbb{A} such that

$$i_1^2 = -1, \quad i_2^2 = i_3^2 = 1, \quad i_1 i_2 = -i_2 i_1 = i_3, \quad i_2 i_3 = -i_3 i_2 = -i_1, \quad i_1 i_3 = -i_3 i_1 = -i_2.$$

Thus, the multiplication rule of paraquaternions is as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{y} &= \left(x^0 + \sum_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} i_{\alpha} \right) \left(y^0 + \sum_{\alpha} y^{\alpha} i_{\alpha} \right) \\ &= x^0 y^0 - x^1 y^1 + x^2 y^2 + x^3 y^3 + (x^0 y^1 + x^1 y^0 - x^2 y^3 + x^3 y^2) i_1 \\ &\quad + (x^0 y^2 - x^1 y^3 + x^2 y^0 + x^3 y^1) i_2 + (x^0 y^3 + x^1 y^2 - x^2 y^1 + x^3 y^0) i_3. \end{aligned}$$

\mathbb{A} is an associative and non-commutative abstract algebra, which contains zero divisors, nilpotent elements, and nontrivial idempotents. The paraquaternionic algebra is isomorphic with the Clifford algebras $Cl(1, 1) \cong Cl(0, 2)$. The paraquaternions are most familiar through their isomorphism with 2×2 real matrices.

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For a paraquaternion \mathbf{x} , define the real part and the imaginary part of \mathbf{x} by

$$\Re(\mathbf{x}) = x^0, \quad \Im(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} i_{\alpha},$$

respectively. The conjugate of \mathbf{x} is defined by $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \Re \mathbf{x} - \Im(\mathbf{x})$, and the norm by

$$\sqrt{\mathbf{x}\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = \sqrt{(x^0)^2 + (x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 - (x^3)^2}.$$

When $\mathbf{x}\bar{\mathbf{x}} < 0$, then the value of the norm is a complex number from the upper half of the complex plane.

The notions of left-regular and right-regular paraquaternionic functions was introduced by Pogoruy and Rodríguez-Dagnino in [15] by analogy to the notion of regular quaternionic functions. For quaternionic analysis, we refer e.g. [3, 7, 18], etc.

In the sequel, by \mathcal{F} we will denote the set of all real-differentiable functions $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$, where U is a domain in \mathbb{R}^4 .

Consider the following two Cauchy-Fueter type operators D_L and D_R defined on functions $f \in \mathcal{F}$ by the formulas (we apply denotations different from those in [15])

$$D_L f = \partial_0 f + \sum_{\alpha} i_{\alpha} (\partial_{\alpha} f), \quad D_R f = \partial_0 f + \sum_{\alpha} (\partial_{\alpha} f) i_{\alpha},$$

where it is supposed that $\partial_j = \partial/\partial x_j$. Writing f in the following form $f = f^0 + \sum_{\alpha} f^{\alpha} i_{\alpha}$, where $f^0, f^{\alpha}: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, by straightforward computation, we claim for $D_L f$,

$$(1) \quad D_L f = \partial_0 f^0 - \partial_1 f^1 + \partial_2 f^2 + \partial_3 f^3 + (\partial_1 f^0 + \partial_0 f^1 + \partial_3 f^2 - \partial_2 f^3) i_1 \\ + (\partial_2 f^0 + \partial_3 f^1 + \partial_0 f^2 - \partial_1 f^3) i_2 + (\partial_3 f^0 - \partial_2 f^1 + \partial_1 f^2 + \partial_0 f^3) i_3,$$

and for $D_R f$,

$$(2) \quad D_R f = \partial_0 f^0 - \partial_1 f^1 + \partial_2 f^2 + \partial_3 f^3 + (\partial_1 f^0 + \partial_0 f^1 - \partial_3 f^2 + \partial_2 f^3) i_1 \\ + (\partial_2 f^0 - \partial_3 f^1 + \partial_0 f^2 + \partial_1 f^3) i_2 + (\partial_3 f^0 + \partial_2 f^1 - \partial_1 f^2 + \partial_0 f^3) i_3.$$

From (1) and (2), one notes that it always holds $\Re(D_L f) = \Re(D_R f)$.

The operators D_L and D_R are completely different. In the first lemma, we describe the paraquaternionic functions for which they give the same effects.

Lemma 1. *For a paraquaternionic function $f = f^0 + \sum_{\alpha} f^{\alpha} i_{\alpha}$, the condition $D_L f = D_R f$ holds if and only if $f^{\alpha} = \partial_{\alpha} F$ locally (i.e., in a neighborhood of an arbitrary point), where F is a certain paraquaternionic function.*

Proof. Using (1) and (2), we find

$$D_L f - D_R f = 2(\partial_3 f^2 - \partial_2 f^3) i_1 + 2(\partial_3 f^1 - \partial_1 f^3) i_2 + 2(\partial_1 f^2 - \partial_2 f^1) i_3.$$

Hence, the condition $D_L f = D_R f$ holds if and only if

$$\partial_3 f^2 - \partial_2 f^3 = 0, \quad \partial_3 f^1 - \partial_1 f^3 = 0, \quad \partial_1 f^2 - \partial_2 f^1 = 0.$$

When fixing x^0 , the above condition says that the 1-form $\omega = f^1 dx^1 + f^2 dx^2 + f^3 dx^3$ is closed. By the famous Poincare lemma, the form ω is locally a boundary form, say $\omega = dF$ for a certain paraquaternionic function F . This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 2. *The operators D_L and D_R commute, that is, for any $f \in \mathcal{F}$,*

$$(3) \quad D_L D_R f - D_R D_L f = 0.$$

Proof. Since the partial derivatives of functions f^i , $0 \leq i \leq 3$, commute and the paraquaternionic multiplication is associative, the conclusion follows obviously. \square

Let $f \in \mathcal{F}$. f is called left-regular if it satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann-Feuter type equation $D_L f = 0$. And similarly, f is called right-regular if it satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann-Feuter type equation $D_R f = 0$.

Having (1) and (2), we see that f is left-regular if and only if

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_0 f^0 - \partial_1 f^1 + \partial_2 f^2 + \partial_3 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_1 f^0 + \partial_0 f^1 + \partial_3 f^2 - \partial_2 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_2 f^0 + \partial_3 f^1 + \partial_0 f^2 - \partial_1 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_3 f^0 - \partial_2 f^1 + \partial_1 f^2 + \partial_0 f^3 = 0, \end{cases}$$

and f is right-regular if and only if

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_0 f^0 - \partial_1 f^1 + \partial_2 f^2 + \partial_3 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_1 f^0 + \partial_0 f^1 - \partial_3 f^2 + \partial_2 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_2 f^0 - \partial_3 f^1 + \partial_0 f^2 + \partial_1 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_3 f^0 + \partial_2 f^1 - \partial_1 f^2 + \partial_0 f^3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 3. (a) If f is a left-regular paraquaternionic function, then $h = D_R f$ is also left-regular paraquaternionic and $\Re(h) = 0$. (b) If f is a right-regular paraquaternionic function, then $h = D_L f$ is also right-regular paraquaternionic and $\Re(h) = 0$.

Proof. (a) Since $D_L f = 0$, by (3), we have $D_L h = D_L D_R f = D_R D_L f = 0$. Moreover, using formula (2), we find

$$(6) \quad \Re(h) = \Re(D_R f) = \partial_0 f^0 - \partial_1 f^1 + \partial_2 f^2 + \partial_3 f^3.$$

But, by (1), the right hand side of (6) is the same as $\Re(D_L f)$, which is equal to 0 since $D_L f = 0$.

(b) Since $D_R f = 0$, by (3), we have $D_R h = D_R D_L f = D_L D_R f = 0$. Moreover, using formula (1), we find

$$(7) \quad \Re(h) = \Re(D_L f) = \partial_0 f^0 - \partial_1 f^1 + \partial_2 f^2 + \partial_3 f^3.$$

But, by (2), the right hand side of (7) is the same as $\Re(D_R f)$, which is equal to 0 since $D_R f = 0$. \square

The simplest examples of left-regular and right-regular paraquaternionic functions are the so-called paraquaternionic Fueter polynomials

$$\zeta_\alpha(x) = x^\alpha - x^0 i_\alpha, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^4.$$

From the result achieved in [15] it follows that a paraquaternionic function is left-regular on U if and only if it can be expanded, in a neighborhood of an arbitrary point $x_0 \in U$, into a series

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n=1}^3 \zeta_{\alpha_1}(x-x_0) \zeta_{\alpha_2}(x-x_0) \cdots \zeta_{\alpha_n}(x-x_0) a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n} \right),$$

where $a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n} \in \mathbb{A}$ for any $1 \leq \alpha_i \leq 3$, $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Hence, we claim that the paraquaternionic functions of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k=1}^3 \zeta_{\alpha_1}(x) \zeta_{\alpha_2}(x) \cdots \zeta_{\alpha_k}(x) a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k} \right),$$

where $a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k} \in \mathbb{A}$, are left-regular.

In a similar way, we can claim that the paraquaternionic functions of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n=1}^3 a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k} \zeta_{\alpha_1}(x) \zeta_{\alpha_2}(x) \cdots \zeta_{\alpha_k}(x) \right),$$

where $a_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k} \in \mathbb{A}$, are right-regular.

3. CONFORMAL FLATNESS OF 4-DIMENSIONAL ALMOST ε -KÄHLERIAN MANIFOLDS

Let M a 4-dimensional, connected, differentiable manifold. Assume that M is endowed with a pseudo-Riemannian metric g of Norden signature $(- - + +)$ and a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field J such

$$J^2 = \varepsilon I, \quad g(JX, JY) = -\varepsilon g(X, Y)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, where ε is a constant equal to $+1$ or -1 .

If $\varepsilon = -1$, then the manifold $M(J, g)$ is an almost pseudo-Hermitian or indefinite almost Hermitian (cf. [12, 14], etc.). If $\varepsilon = +1$, then the manifold $M(J, g)$ is an almost para-Hermitian (cf. [2, 5], etc.). For simplicity, we will say that $M(J, g)$ or just M is an almost ε -Hermitian manifold.

For an almost ε -Hermitian manifold $M(J, g)$, let Ω be the skew-symmetric $(0, 2)$ -tensor field defined by $g(X, JY) = \Omega(X, Y)$. Ω is an almost symplectic form on M and it is called the fundamental form of this manifold.

Let $M(J, g)$ be a 4-dimensional almost ε -Hermitian manifold. Assume additionally that the manifold $M(J, g)$ is (locally) conformally flat. This means that for any point $p \in M$ there exist an open neighborhood $U \subset M$ of the point p and a positive function $h: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $g = hG$, where G is a flat pseudo-Riemannian metric. We restrict our consideration to the subset U . Without loss of generality, we assume that U is a coordinate neighborhood with coordinates (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3) (it will be useful to number the indices from 0 to 3) and the metric G has components

$$(8) \quad G_{11} = G_{22} = -1, \quad G_{33} = G_{44} = 1, \quad \text{and } G_{ij} = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Thus, the metric g has the following components

$$g_{11} = g_{22} = -h, \quad g_{33} = g_{44} = h, \quad \text{and } g_{ij} = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Let J_j^i be the components of the tensor field J . Now, we compute the components J_j^i having the equalities

$$\sum_s J_s^i J_j^s = \varepsilon \delta_j^i, \quad \sum_s g_{is} J_j^s + \sum_s g_{js} J_i^s = 0.$$

By some standard computations, we obtain the following two possibilities for the matrix $[J_j^i]$,

$$(9) \quad [J_j^i] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b & c \\ -a & 0 & -c & b \\ b & -c & 0 & -a \\ c & b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

or

$$(10) \quad [J_j^i] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b & c \\ -a & 0 & c & -b \\ b & c & 0 & a \\ c & -b & -a & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

a, b, c being functions such that $a^2 - b^2 - c^2 = -\varepsilon$. Consequently, the matrices of the components Ω_{ij} of the fundamental form are of the form

$$(11) \quad [\Omega_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -f^1 & -f^2 & -f^3 \\ f^1 & 0 & f^3 & -f^2 \\ f^2 & -f^3 & 0 & -f^1 \\ f^3 & f^2 & f^1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

or

$$(12) \quad [\Omega_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -f^1 & -f^2 & -f^3 \\ f^1 & 0 & -f^3 & f^2 \\ f^2 & f^3 & 0 & f^1 \\ f^3 & -f^2 & -f^1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where we supposed $f^1 = ha$, $f^2 = hb$ and $f^3 = hc$. The functions f^1 , f^2 and f^3 satisfy the condition $(f^1)^2 - (f^2)^2 - (f^3)^2 = -\varepsilon h^2$.

The coordinate neighborhood $(U, (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3))$ constructed in the above will be said to be the canonical coordinate neighborhood of a conformally flat 4-dimensional almost ε -Hermitian.

Assume that for an almost ε -Hermitian manifold $M(J, g)$, the fundamental form Ω is closed ($d\Omega = 0$, that is, Ω is a symplectic form). If $\varepsilon = -1$, then the manifold $M(J, g)$ is called almost pseudo-Kählerian or indefinite almost Kählerian (cf. e.g. [6, 17]). If $\varepsilon = +1$, then the manifold $M(J, g)$ is called almost para-Kählerian (cf. e.g. [8]). For simplicity, we will say that $M(J, g)$ or just M is an almost ε -Kählerian manifold.

Theorem 1. *A 4-dimensional, conformally flat, almost ε -Hermitian manifold $M(J, g)$ is almost ε -Kählerian if and only if for any point $p \in M$ there is a canonical coordinate neighborhood $(U, (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3))$, $p \in U$, on which there exist functions f^1, f^2, f^3 and a positive function h such that*

(i) *the functions f^1, f^2, f^3, h are related by the condition*

$$(13) \quad (f^1)^2 - (f^2)^2 - (f^3)^2 = -\varepsilon h^2,$$

and the paraquaternionic function $f = f_1 i_1 + f_2 i_2 + f_3 i_3$ is left-regular or right-regular;

(ii) *$g = hG$, G being the standard flat Norden type metric (cf. (8));*

(iii) *if f is left-regular, then J is given by (9), and if f is right-regular, then J is given by (10), where in the both cases, a, b, c are the functions given by*

$$a = \frac{f^1}{h}, \quad b = \frac{f^2}{h}, \quad c = \frac{f^3}{h}.$$

Proof. Let $M(J, g)$ be a 4-dimensional, conformally flat, almost ε -Hermitian manifold. In a canonical coordinate neighborhood, the components of the exterior derivative $d\Omega$ are of the form

$$(14) \quad (d\Omega)_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3}(\partial_i \Omega_{jk} + \partial_j \Omega_{ki} + \partial_k \Omega_{ij}).$$

Let us assume that $M(J, g)$ is almost ε -Kählerian. Since $d\Omega = 0$, from (14), we obtain

$$(15) \quad \partial_i \Omega_{jk} + \partial_j \Omega_{ki} + \partial_k \Omega_{ij} = 0.$$

In the case when Ω is of the form (11), the relations (15) can be written equivalently as the following system

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_1 f^1 + \partial_2 f^2 + \partial_3 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_0 f^1 + \partial_3 f^2 - \partial_2 f^3 = 0, \\ \partial_3 f^1 + \partial_0 f^2 - \partial_1 f^3 = 0, \\ -\partial_2 f^1 + \partial_1 f^2 + \partial_0 f^3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Comparing this system with (4) we claim that the paraquaternionic function $f = f^1 i_1 + f^2 i_2 + f^3 i_3$ is left-regular.

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Comparing this system with (5), we claim that the paraquaternionic function $f = f^1 i_1 + f^2 i_2 + f^3 i_3$ is right-regular.

Recall that the function h deforming the metric g to a flat metric is related to the functions f^1, f^2, f^3 by (13).

The converse is clear. \square

In view of Theorem 1, to construct examples of 4-dimensional conformally flat almost ε -Kählerian structures it is necessary and sufficient to have left-regular and right-regular paraquaternionic functions $f = f^1 i_1 + f^2 i_2 + f^3 i_3$ for which $(f^1)^2 - (f^2)^2 - (f^3)^2 \neq 0$. Using the results from the previous section, one can find such functions. We are going to state only two concrete examples of such functions. Namely,

(a) the function

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (\zeta_1(x) + \zeta_2(x) + \zeta_3(x))(-i_2 + i_3) \\ &= 2x^0 i_1 + (x^0 - x^1 - x^2 - x^3)i_2 + (x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^3)i_3, \end{aligned}$$

which is left-regular and realizes the desired conditions on any domain in \mathbb{R}^4 on which $|x^0| \neq |x^1 + x^2 + x^3|$; and similarly

(b) the function

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (i_2 - i_3)(\zeta_1(x) + \zeta_2(x) + \zeta_3(x)) \\ &= 2x^0 i_1 + (x^0 + x^1 + x^2 + x^3)i_2 + (x^0 - x^1 - x^2 - x^3)i_3, \end{aligned}$$

which is right-regular and realizes the desired conditions on any domain in \mathbb{R}^4 on which $|x^0| \neq |x^1 + x^2 + x^3|$. Having these functions, one can write down the almost ε -Kählerian structures explicitly.

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